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Chairman Ross Johnson
Fair Political Practices Commission
428 J Street, Suite 620
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chairman Johnson:

I am writing on behalf of the American Diabetes Association in regards to the proposed amendments to Regulation 18946.4. The ADA urges the Fair Political Practices Commission to reject the proposed amendments eliminating the "no value" rule that applies to 501(c)(3) fundraising events.

The American Diabetes Association is the nation's leading 501(c)(3) nonprofit health organization providing diabetes research, information and advocacy. Founded in 1940, the American Diabetes Association conducts programs in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, reaching hundreds of communities. The mission of the Association is to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes. To fulfill this mission, the American Diabetes Association funds research, publishes scientific findings, provides information and other services to people with diabetes, their families, health professionals and the public. The Association is also actively involved in advocating for scientific research and for the rights of people with diabetes.

Fundraising events are crucial to the Association's ability to continue its work to serve people with diabetes and achieve its mission. The participation of public officials at fundraising events demonstrates the depth of support for the mission of the American Diabetes Association. Elimination of the "no value" rule could negatively impact ADA's fundraising events if public officials choose not to attend due to concerns regarding potential disclosure, gift limit and conflict of interest issues.

The American Diabetes Association, while sensitive to the need to ensure a fair and balanced political process, respectfully requests that the California Fair Political Practices Commission reject the proposed changes to Regulation 18946.4.

Sincerely,



Jane Warner, Executive Director
American Diabetes Association